



# TOOWOOMBA BRIDGE CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

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### President's Report

Firstly I would like to thank all the members who wished me well for the coming year. At our Club's Annual General Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> October, our new Management Committee was elected, with myself as President and Chris Snook as Treasurer.

It was good to see new faces to the Committee; Glenys Clift as Secretary, Adrian Mayers as Vice-President and Peter Cory, Robbie Fulton, Pam Gebbett, Ann Klibbe, Roger Ley, Diana McDougall and Leonie Spence. I am sure all these new Committee Members, together with myself and Chris Snook will breathe life back into our Club.

Trudy Dunne (Secretary), Lorraine Sutton (Treasurer), Jeff Aitchson, Eileen Josey, Byron Longford, Ritamay Roberts, Hugh Robinson and Ian Steger all retired as Committee Members. They all made excellent contributions to the Management of the Club and we thank all of them for their wonderful contribution last year.

At our Committee Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, we agreed to reintroduce the Birthday Club, which will be run by Pam Gebbett. We also decided to move the Nationwide Pairs from Saturday to sharing on a monthly basis between Tuesday Day, Tuesday Night, Wednesday and Friday. We also decided to alter the format of Invitation Days, which were only on a Wednesday and Friday, to every day, Monday to Friday (one day or night a month), thus making 7 Invitation Days per month. In addition to the Pairs, winners on these days will receive a free game, provided they are not a regular partnership.

We will also be starting a new session on a Thursday, 10.30 am to 2.30 pm, restricted to 100 MP.

Our Christmas Party is not too far away, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December, and Leonie Spence has volunteered to coordinate this event and has arranged a working party to help. The format will be "bring a plate". It was also decided that in 2015 we will have a Graded Club Pairs Championship and Team Championship which will be held as an all-day event on Sunday with all other competitions having the word "championship" removed.

Our teams-of-3 competition was held on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November with 20 teams competing. I would like to heartily thank the 20 team Captains who offered their services to make it a very successful day. Congratulations to the Cox Team for winning the Novice and the Beckwith Team for winning the Rookie.

Finally, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to every volunteer who helps inside or outside the clubrooms. The Club runs effectively thanks to the large number of volunteers of this Club. Well done to all those who volunteer.

I understand our Club is one of the biggest in Queensland and with all the recent additions, Birthday Club, altered Invitation Days and Tuesday to Friday Nationwide Pairs I hope that the above will bring new life into the Club.

Keep Bridging

Keith Jenkin  
**President**

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	Keith Jenkin
<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b>	Adrian Mayers
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Glenys Clift
<b>TREASURER</b>	Chris Snook
<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b>	Peter Cory Robbie Fulton Pam Gebbett Anne Klibbe Roger Ley Diana McDougall Leonie Spence

## OFFICE HOLDERS

<b>CHIEF TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR</b>	Chris Snook
<b>CONGRESS CONVENOR</b>	Robbie Fulton
<b>MASTERPOINT SECRETARY</b>	Chris Snook
<b>PROVIDORE</b>	Keith Jenkin
<b>MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY</b>	Diana McDougall
<b>QBA DELEGATES</b>	Chris Snook Keith Jenkin Roger Ley Chris Snook Adrian Mayers
<b>ZONAL DELEGATES</b>	
<b>PRESS OFFICER</b>	Kim Nicoll
<b>TEACHING COORDINATOR</b>	Glenys Clift
<b>LIBRARIAN</b>	Jean Moetara
<b>NEWSLETTER EDITOR</b>	Floyd Wilson
<b>HOUSEKEEPER</b>	Bette Flamsteed
<b>SPONSORSHIP COORDINATOR</b>	George McKinnon
<b>WELFARE OFFICER</b>	Glenda Filbee
<b>FIRST AID KIT</b>	Roger Ley
<b>TENANCY CO-ORDINATOR</b>	Bruce Hinchliffe
<b>INFORMATION &amp; TECHNOLOGY</b>	Chris Snook Peter Cory
<b>BUILDING MAINTENANCE</b>	Adrian Mayers
<b>GROUNDS MAINTENANCE</b>	Jeff Aitchison
<b>WEBMASTER</b>	Peter Cory
<b>BOARD DEALING COORDINATOR</b>	Roger Ley
<b>BIRTHDAY CLUB</b>	Pam Gebbett
<b>RECORDER/CONCILIATION</b>	Henry Eastment
<b>PARTNERSHIP ARRANGER</b>	Pam Gebbett

As well as the elected and appointed positions, the Toowoomba Bridge Club has three sub-committees to help coordinate the running of the club:

## TOURNAMENT SUB-COMMITTEE:

**Tournament Directors:** Val Buchanan, Glenys Clift, Henry Eastment, Ian Jesser, Adrian Mayers, Ray Moore, Chris Snook, Ed Willey, Floyd Wilson, Liz Zeller

**Trainee Directors:** Peter Cory, Gabrielle Elich, Keith Jenkins, Roger Ley, David Lynch, Leonie Spence

## SOCIAL SUB-COMMITTEE:

Leonie Spence, Virginia Hathaway, Kim Nadler, Beth Brown, Gwen Francis and Pam Gebbett

## TEACHING SUB-COMMITTEE:

Glenys Clift, Trudy Dunne, Denise Hartwig, Keith Jenkin, Ian Jesser, Chris Snook, Leonie Spence, Liz Zeller



2015 Management Committee  
(minus Diana McDougall)



## APPOINTMENT OF RECORDER

At a Committee meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November, Henry Eastment was appointed as Recorder. What does a Recorder do?

Any player who feels they have been treated unkindly at the table and does not want to make a formal complaint can speak to the Recorder to express their concerns. The Recorder will then take on the role of conciliator. It was decided that, because this position assumes a degree of confidentiality, the Recorder need only report to the Management Committee when he feels there is an ongoing problem that needs the intervention or attention of the committee.

See the Recorder's Report elsewhere in this newsletter.



## Membership Secretary's Report



### New Members

Please make the following new members feel welcome.

Marlene Stuart  
Virginia Hathaway  
Jane Lawson  
Trevor Henderson  
Neville Lutton  
Ronda L'Huillier  
Vada Scholefield  
Rosiland Martel  
James Kearnan  
Alastair Nixon

It is that time of year again where Annual Membership Subscriptions for 2015 are due to be paid by 31st December. Member's Subscription forms have been available in the clubrooms for members to pick up. Any that are not picked up before the end of November will be posted.

Could you please return the form with your payment so your details can be checked against our records.

Home Member	\$31
Away Member	\$2

You can pay in person, by mail or by direct debit into our bank account – details of which are available on the form.

If you have not received a form by the first week in December, could you please contact me.

Have a very happy Christmas and every best wish for 2015.

**Diana McDougall**  
Membership Secretary



## New Master Rankings

Congratulations to the following members who have achieved new Master rankings:

### Graduate

Michael Battle  
Marjory Harms  
Alexander Longford  
Val Witenden

### Club

Paul Matthews  
David Roberts  
Margaret Carroll  
Margaret Baker  
Carmel Barrett

### Local

Gail Dinsey  
Tricia Morton  
Jill Young  
Sue Wells  
Mary Rehburg

### \*Local

Kaye Fisher  
Jean Moetara  
Pam Hosfield  
Lynette Bidgood  
Steve Hosfield  
Leonie Spence  
Coral Apel  
Lyn Vary  
David Edwards  
Patricia Ford  
Annette Topp

### \*\*Local

George McKinnon  
Carol Harris  
Ian Steger  
Rita Fatseas

### Regional

### State

Heather Bradley  
Ray Moore  
Chris Evans

### \*State

Roy Reynolds  
John Elich  
Gillian Whitehouse

### \*National

Denise Hartwig

### \*\*National

Ned Kelley  
Pamela Gebbett  
Desley Mundell

### Bronze Life

Nonie McCay

## Masterpoint Secretary's Report

Last year in the ABF census period (October'13-September'14) members of the Toowoomba Bridge Club earned 1,784.84 green and 268.96 red masterpoints in regular club play. Based on these green points, we have been allocated 33 red masterpoint sessions for 2015 to be shared amongst all of our playing sessions.

Of course, many of our players also earned many more masterpoints playing in Congresses. With two months still to go, our top 20 masterpoint earners for the year should come as no surprise to many of you.

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Ranking</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2014</b>
1	Dawson, Alison	Silver Life	658.37	119.63
2	Longford, Byron	Bronze Life	512.21	117.69
3	Jesser, Ian	Bronze Life	585.69	99.52
4	Zeller, Elizabeth	Silver Life	549.21	94.93
5	Mayers, Adrian	Silver Grand	3,149.47	58.04
6	McRoberts, Laurie-Marie	Life	340.21	56.2
7	McClement, Valma	Gold Life	1,307.32	55.64
8	Wilson, Carol	Bronze Life	579.88	55.39
9	Penberthy, Patricia	Bronze Life	695.48	51.84
10	Fulton, Robert	Life	361.67	45.83
11	Eastment, Henry	Silver Life	911.04	44.84
12	Willis, Edwina	Life	397.49	43.65
13	Henderson, Jacqueline	Gold Life	1,080.25	43.41
14	Josey, Eileen	Silver Life	742.89	42.22
15	Snook, Chris	Silver Life	637.93	40.09
16	Elich, Gabrielle	*State	122.77	39.44
17	Clift, Glenys	Silver Life	682.93	39.29
18	Kelley, Rosemary	Life	422.63	38.43
19	Sutton, Lorraine	*National	259.26	37.55
20	Dean, Rhondda	Life	321.62	36.96

It is easy to check your masterpoints (or your friends') on the ABF website. Simply visit:

<http://www.abfmasterpoints.com.au>

and click on "Player – Masterpoints Lookup".

You can do this on the club computers at any time. If you feel that you are missing some masterpoints, check with the Club Masterpoint Secretary in the first instance.

Cheers

**Chris Snook**

Masterpoint Secretary

## Garden Report

The gardens have been impacted through November by a run of 30 plus days on top of three months of particularly dry weather. Forecast showers and storms continue to fail to arrive- all very frustrating. I have endeavoured to keep the gardens alive with extended watering but there is simply no substitute for good soaking rain.

In line with forecast rain I planted grass seed in the eastern corner of the new car park in early November. The strike was adequate but the heat in recent weeks has not been beneficial. I can only hope that the weather is kinder in the next week or two.

**Jeff Aitchison**



## Maintenance Report

The water tanks have been cleaned and the lids raised above the lawn level to prevent soil washing in during heavy rain.

The pump serving the water tanks is in need of service/repair; this is currently being looked into.

Solar powered security floodlights are on order for the parking lots; these have a twofold purpose:

- A: to make it safer for any one arriving at the club at night when the outdoor lights aren't switched on
- B: to provide security, as these lights will come on when anyone gets close to the building planning to vandalise etc.



Plans for an outdoor storage shed are proceeding; we are currently investigating the best position for it.

Tiling the fridge and rubbish bin area outside the kitchen is a work in progress; tiles have been located in a matching colour and quotes are being obtained from a tiler.

**Adrian Mayers**  
Maintenance Coordinator

## Providore's Report

Everything is running along smoothly with members supplying sandwiches and other goodies. It would be very much appreciated, if anyone interested in supplying afternoon tea goodies would contact myself.

Happy bridging.

**Keith Jenkin**  
Providore



## Social Report

The social committee is well on the way in organising the Christmas party for 6 December. In 2015, we are planning a fund raising raffle for the Ebola crisis, an outing to the theatre or Brindabella gardens. We have also suggested to the tournament committee that we invite 1 or 2 bridge clubs to visit for lunch and an afternoon of bridge. As a committee, we are responsible for social activities to foster further friendships. The committee would value your ideas, so feel free to contact either myself, or any of the others on the committee.

The committee members are: Leonie Spence, Pam Gebbert, Beth Brown, Kim Nalder, Virginia Hathaway, Gwen Francis and Keith Jenkin.

**Leonie Spence**  
Social Committee Chairperson



## Secretary's Report

### NOTES FROM COMMITTEE

Notes from Committee is a summary from the latest Committee Meeting to keep members informed about what is planned and what is happening in our club.

They will be available in the Club Premises for one week after the meeting, then they will be available on our Web Site until the next meeting.

This gives members the opportunity to contact members of the Committee should they have any concerns or would like things explained in more detail.

Cheers,

**Glenys Clift**  
Secretary



## Recorder's Report

Players who have completed lessons and supervised play will be joining normal sessions over the next few months. Players in these sessions are requested to respect that these players have less experience at the Game of Bridge and playing in a normal session than more experienced members of the Club.

To help them to enjoy their bridge and encourage their future participation in all of the Club's activities, experienced players are asked to call the Director immediately if they believe there has been a breach of the Rules but to do so in a manner that is not threatening to the less experienced players.

These players, like the rest of us, may make a mistake in their bidding and play, which may be to their advantage. That's life! Few beginning players psyche intentionally. Most would not know how to psyche.

If they request an explanation of a bid during the bidding or after the bidding has ended when it is inappropriate to do so gently remind them of the rules in relation to such requests and, if in doubt, call the Director.

**Henry Eastment**  
Recorder



## Club Championships 2015

When The Toowoomba Bridge Club Inc. was established in 1982 with the amalgamation of three Bridge Clubs; the Downs Club, the City Club and the Toowoomba Bridge Club, to some degree they tried to keep their own identity by having different Club Championships. Ivy Dahler's day was Thursday, Col Martin's was Tuesday night and Joyce Benson ran Wednesday encouraging her beginners to come. And while Ivy and Col were alive, there was no way in the world they would consider having a single Club Championship. This explains why we have two honour boards – one for Tuesday night and one for Thursday.

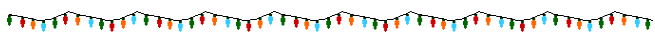
This has been a bone of contention for many of us who, while we acknowledge the wonderful contribution Col and Ivy made to the club, felt that having two club championships was rather silly. Plus, these events have become limited to very few participants.

As from 2015, there will be only one Club Pairs Championship and one Club Teams Championship, both of which will be run as a one day Swiss event. As long as we get enough entries, running it as a Swiss gives us the option to have the outright winners and a Plate for those under a certain Masterpoint level. It also means you will only play against pairs/teams who are pretty much the same level as yourself – which is fairer.

The Club Teams Championship will be run on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2015 and the Club Pairs Championship will be run on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2015. This means that come the end of 2015, we will have two new honour boards to reflect what will truly be a Club Championship.



*Murphy dropped dead the moment he arrived home from a vacation in the tropics. He was laid out in the coffin for friends and neighbours to pay their last respects. "He's got a great tan," Mrs Doolan from next door mused. "The holiday did him the world of good." "And he looks so calm and serene," said Mrs McGuiness. "That's because he died in his sleep." explained Mrs Murphy, "and he doesn't know he's dead yet, but when he wakes up, the shock will kill him!"*



## Winners are Grinners

The "Monthly Winner" awards are displayed on the noticeboard and on the club website. This is a good way to celebrate the high performing players in each session and also provide additional green masterpoints to those players who play regularly in club sessions. They are officially called "**multisession individual eclectic events**".

### July Monthly Eclectic Winners

Monday	Dave Edwards
Tuesday Night	John Oxenham & Penny Astridge
Wednesday	Pat Penberthy
Thursday	Kathy Weaver & Lee Hore
Thursday Night	Dave Edwards & Geoff Buckham
Friday	Keith Jenkin
Saturday	Ian Jesser & Pat Penberthy

### August Monthly Eclectic Winners

Monday	Greg Crank
Tuesday	Carol Wilson & Ian Jesser
Wednesday	Glenys Clift
Thursday night	Jim Babineau & George McKinnon
Friday	Ian Jesser

### September Monthly Eclectic Winners

Monday	Paul Matthew & David Roberts
Tuesday	Carol Wilson & Ian Jesser
Tuesday Night	Will Higgins & John Erlandson
Wednesday	Kim Nicoll
Thursday	Lennie Goodson & Harvey Billing
Thursday night	Hugh Robinson & Michele Alroe
Friday	Lee Hore & Val Buchanan
Saturday	Robbie Fulton & Lorraine Sutton

### October Monthly Eclectic Winners

Monday	Lavinia Minchin & Leonie Spence
Tuesday	Adrian Mayers & Byron Longford
Wednesday	Henry Eastment & Adrian Mayers
Thursday	Bruce Meakins
Thursday Night	Gabrielle Elich & John Elich
Friday	Jackie Henderson & Val McClement
Saturday	Henry Eastment

In local competitions:

### Tuesday Pairs Competition

Carol Wilson & Ian Jesser

### President's Cup (Tuesday Night)

Liz Zeller & Byron Longford

### Tuesday Night Teams

Chris Snook, Mohan Trada, Lee Hore & John Churchett

## Tuesday Night Pairs Competition

Liz Zeller & Gabrielle Elich

## Thursday Pairs Competition

Lee Hore & Kathy Weaver

And on the congress scene:

## Lockyer Swiss Pairs

B 3<sup>rd</sup> Robbie Fulton & Lorraine Sutton

## Goondiwindi Swiss Pairs

1<sup>st</sup> Eileen Josey & Val McClement

## Darling Downs Swiss Pairs

B 1<sup>st</sup> John Elich & Gabrielle Elich

B 3<sup>rd</sup> Desiree Fenaughty & Denise Hartwig

C 1<sup>st</sup> Robyn Pearson & Marilyn Oakroot

C 2<sup>nd</sup> Ian Steger & George McKinnon

C 3<sup>rd</sup> Lesley Meyer & Frank Elston

## Toowoomba Novice Teams

3<sup>rd</sup> Aino Jaatinen, Glenda Filbee, Kay Behrend  
& Richard Behrend

## Harvey Bay Novice Pairs

2<sup>nd</sup> John Elich & Gabrielle Elich

## Noosa Novice Pairs

1<sup>st</sup> John Elich & Gabrielle Elich

## Dalby Swiss Pairs

1<sup>st</sup> Robbie Fulton & Lorraine Sutton

2<sup>nd</sup> Denise Hartwig & Ian Jesser

B 1<sup>st</sup> Floyd Wilson & Majella Wilson

## Dalby Swiss Teams

2<sup>nd</sup> Edwina Willis, Rhondda Dean,  
Ian Jesser & Jim Wood

## Toowoomba Labour Day Congress – Pairs

3<sup>rd</sup> Adrian Mayers & Stephen Brookes

B 1<sup>st</sup> Floyd Wilson & Majella Wilson

B 2<sup>nd</sup> Desley Mundell & Rosemary Kelley

C 1<sup>st</sup> Rene Grayson & Roger Ley

C 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesley Meyer & Jeff Aitchison

## Toowoomba Labour Day Congress – Teams

B 2<sup>nd</sup> John Churchett, Harvey Billing  
Marlene Mirtschin & Lennie Goodson

Join me in congratulating all these players for the success they have enjoyed.

Chris



## In the Zone

### Queensland Open Pairs

Three local pairs competed in the Queensland Open Pairs state championship hosted by QCBC in October. It was the traditional (although rare nowadays) format with a qualifying event on Saturday to sort the field into A, B and C grades, and then a barometer Howell for each grade on Sunday.

Byron Longford and Liz Zeller had a good last few rounds to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Consolation (C) section. Mohan Trada and I managed to keep the gambling urges in check and won the plate (B) category. A, B and C grades were all very strong fields.

### Grand National Open Teams

Chris Snook, Mohan Trada, Edwin Willey and Bruce Meakins will be representing the Darling Downs Zone at the national final at Tweed Heads 28 Nov-1 Dec.

### Dates for 2015

The dates for Zone events have not yet been finalised for 2015, so check the club website or the "Zones" section of the QBA website for more details on:

Zone Qualifying Round for Queensland Open Teams  
Zone Qualifying Round for Queensland Open Pairs  
Zone Qualifying Round for Grand National Open Teams



*Two tough union men were working on a building site when Murphy fell from the second floor scaffolding. "Are ya dead?" cried Gallagher from above. "To be sure I am," replied Murphy. "You are such a liar Murphy that I don't know whether to believe you or not!" called Gallagher. "That proves I'm dead," said Murphy's voice from the rubble below, "because if I was alive you wouldn't be game to call me a liar!"*



*PADDY... "If you can guess how many chooks I have in my bag, you can have both of them." "Three" ? ... suggested Shaun.*



## TOOWOOMBA BRIDGE CLUB OPEN DAY

Sunday 15th February 2015

Your Committee have decided to hold another Open Day in February next year. There are two reasons for this. Obviously the first is to attract new members and the second, it is a wonderful way to showcase our club and what we have to offer to the community.

Having had one Open Day, this will give us a template for what worked, what didn't, how long it should run for and what activities to include. To help with this, we can use the results of the questionnaire done by Ian Steger, which he compiled after the Open Day last February.

I am hoping to have the first meeting on Saturday morning 13th December which will be a planning meeting as all the community promotion is done in January.

Floyd Wilson said he will re-work the flyer he designed to incorporate the program we decide on. Bruce Hinchliffe designed a wonderful full page advertisement for the Chronicle which we can re-use with any modifications we want. With all this in place, the main purpose of our first meeting is to work out a program, a time-line and how we are going to promote it via community radio, TV etc. Peter Cory has offered to be co-ordinator and will liaise with Ian Steger who was our Co-ordinator last time.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF THIS COMMITTEE? If so, let me know and I will send you all the info from our last Open Day to bring you up to speed before the meeting.

Glenys Clift



*"Your glass is empty O'Flaherty, will you be having another?" "And why would I be wanting two empty glasses?" replied O'Flaherty.*



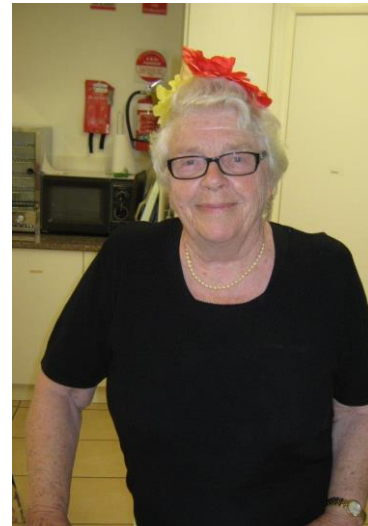
*Murphy arrived home late from the pub, well oiled and ready for trouble. "Is that you Murphy?" called his wife. "Byjasis! It damned well better be!"*



## Melbourne Cup

**Editor's Note:** Pam Gebbett was the chief organiser of the party this year and did a remarkable job in a short time. Her comments on the function are as follows:

As always, we had a party on Melbourne cup day. The response to my cry for help was tremendous. The generosity of our members was quite amazing and I don't mean only the food that they provided; table cloths were washed, washing up done, and lots of tidying up without being asked. We had a best hat prize for male and female. A lucky door prize and John Clift kindly ran a raffle. My part was minimal and I thank my fellow friends for all their generosity most sincerely. I think everyone enjoyed the day.



Pam Gebbett



Vi Applegarth's red chapeau won for her the "best hat" at the Melbourne Cup Party.



## Invitation Days 2015

In 2015, all winners of Invitation Days will receive a Free Game Voucher PROVIDING THEY ARE NOT PLAYING WITH A REGULAR PARTNER.

You can still play with your regular partner, but if you win, then it will be the next pair in line who qualify.

A regular partner is someone you have an arrangement with to play at any session, not just that particular day. We are doing this to make these sessions fairer and to encourage more experienced players to invite our up and coming players, particularly those who play only in restricted sessions. As Ivy Dahler used to say to all of us, your bridge will only improve if you play with and against better players.

We have a lot of very nice people in this club but not too many people who play on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday know many of our members who play on Monday! To make it easier, each month we will ask players from the Restricted sessions to make their names available to be contacted for an Invitation Day that suits their schedule. As I said, there are a lot of nice people in our club; maybe it is time we got to know each other a bit more.

Program for Invitation Days:

Monday	Last Monday of the month
Tuesday Day	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month
Tuesday Night	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month
Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month
Thursday	To be announced
Thursday Night	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month
Friday	Last Friday of the month

*Paddy was coming through the customs at the airport carrying a large bottle. "What have you there?" said a suspicious customs officer. "Tis Lourdes holy water. I am bringing it home with me", said Paddy. The officer took the bottle and tried some. "Why it's Irish whiskey," he spluttered. "Lord bless me," said Paddy, "another bloomin` miracle."*

## Treasurer's Report

I have had a gentle introduction to the role of Treasurer thanks to the clear and logical way that Lorraine has established the accounts structure using the QuickBooks software.

I really do appreciate all the work done by members who collect and count the daily table and associated fees. I am even more appreciative of Lee Hore, who does an excellent job in checking, banking and recording these payments for us.

Membership subscriptions are coming in at a steady pace. You should use your statement to ensure the correct amount but it is \$2 for all members, plus we collect the \$29 state and national levy for "Home" members.

Remember you can pay by cash, cheque, or direct deposit by internet transfer. Subscriptions are due by 31st December 2014.

If you pay via Heritage, our account number may be 11661542S21, or you can select "other bank" and then input the BSB and account number as shown on your statement.

Financial Reports are available on the members' noticeboard, or you can ask me for a copy or for clarification of items at any time. Cash at bank is just over \$26,000 and we have a sinking fund of \$114,967.95 held in term deposits to cover any upcoming major expenses/repairs.

Best wishes,

**Chris Snook**  
Treasurer



*On his way home one night, Paddy dropped into the pub. The barman poured him a beer and asked if he wanted to be in a raffle. "What's it for?" asked Paddy. "It's for a poor widow with 13 kids." said the barman. Paddy shook his head, "No good for me. I'd never be able to keep them."*

## **BRIDGE TEACHING PROGRAM FOR 2015**

The Teaching Sub-Committee met on the 11<sup>th</sup> November attended by Trudy Dunne, Denise Hartwig, Keith Jenkin, Ian Jesser, Chris Snook, Leonie Spence, Liz Zeller and Glenys Clift. The outcome of that meeting is as follows:

### **NEW THURSDAY RESTRICTED SESSION 10.00AM – 2.30PM STARTS 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2015**

This will start on the second Thursday of January and be run by Byron Longford. Participation will be limited to members with up to 100 Masterpoints and will start with a 30 minute lesson. **You can come with or without a partner.** The Program for January and February is as follows:

<b>Lesson 1: Introduction to Better Bridge</b>	This is a must for ALL Players Including Etiquette and other Do's and Don'ts.
<b>Lesson 2: Understanding System Cards</b>	Understanding System and system card are vital to Partnerships.
<b>Lesson 3: Opening Hands at 1 level</b>	When should I open? Can I open with less than 12 HCP?
<b>Lesson 4: Opening Weak Hands and Feature Show</b>	How to determine if I should open a hand weak. Am I too strong or weak to open weak?
<b>Lesson 5: Bidding 4 card suits up the line</b>	Never miss a fit.
<b>Lesson 6: Barrier Principle</b>	How to show strength and shape.
<b>Lesson 7: Leads against Suit Contract</b>	How to determine what my BEST lead is from bidding and my hand.
<b>Lesson 8: Leads against No Trumps</b>	Do I always lead Partners Suit?
<b>Lesson 9: Signals and Discards</b>	Let partner know what you want him to lead.

### **NEW FORMAT FOR LESSONS**

**DAY CLASSES:** Start Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 9am.

**EVENING CLASSES:** Start Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7pm.

**New format:** 8 Weeks Beginner Course  
4 Weeks of Practice Play  
6 Weeks Intermediate Course

All lessons next year will be free for new people and existing members who would like a refresher.

### **WORKSHOPS**

Liz Zeller will be running the occasional workshop during the year, which will be promoted in advance.

### **WEDNESDAY MORNING SUPERVISED PLAY 8.45AM**

Run by Ian Jesser, this is proving very popular and while the emphasis will be on re-enforcing the basics, other topics will be available as requested by players during the year.

Merry  
Christmas  
&  
Happy  
New Year!

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